

Rec'd Dec 17th
Ans Dec 18

Utica, Dec. 12 - 1867

Dr George Engelmann,

Dr Sir,
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Enclosed I send
you a list of numbers of plants taken
from Gray's catalogue, which I have for
exchange. Is there anything on the list that
you desire? I hope there may be, for I want
very much to make an exchange with
you for a set of Isoetes, & such other rare
water plants as you could doubtless furnish.
During the past season I have become
particularly interested in this class of
plants, & am desirous to make my herbarium
as complete in them as possible.

Should you desire any of my specimens
I make no hesitation in saying that you
will find them carefully prepared. I have
found that it is quite as desirable to have
a reputation for turning out fine botan-
ical work (which is conceded to me by all

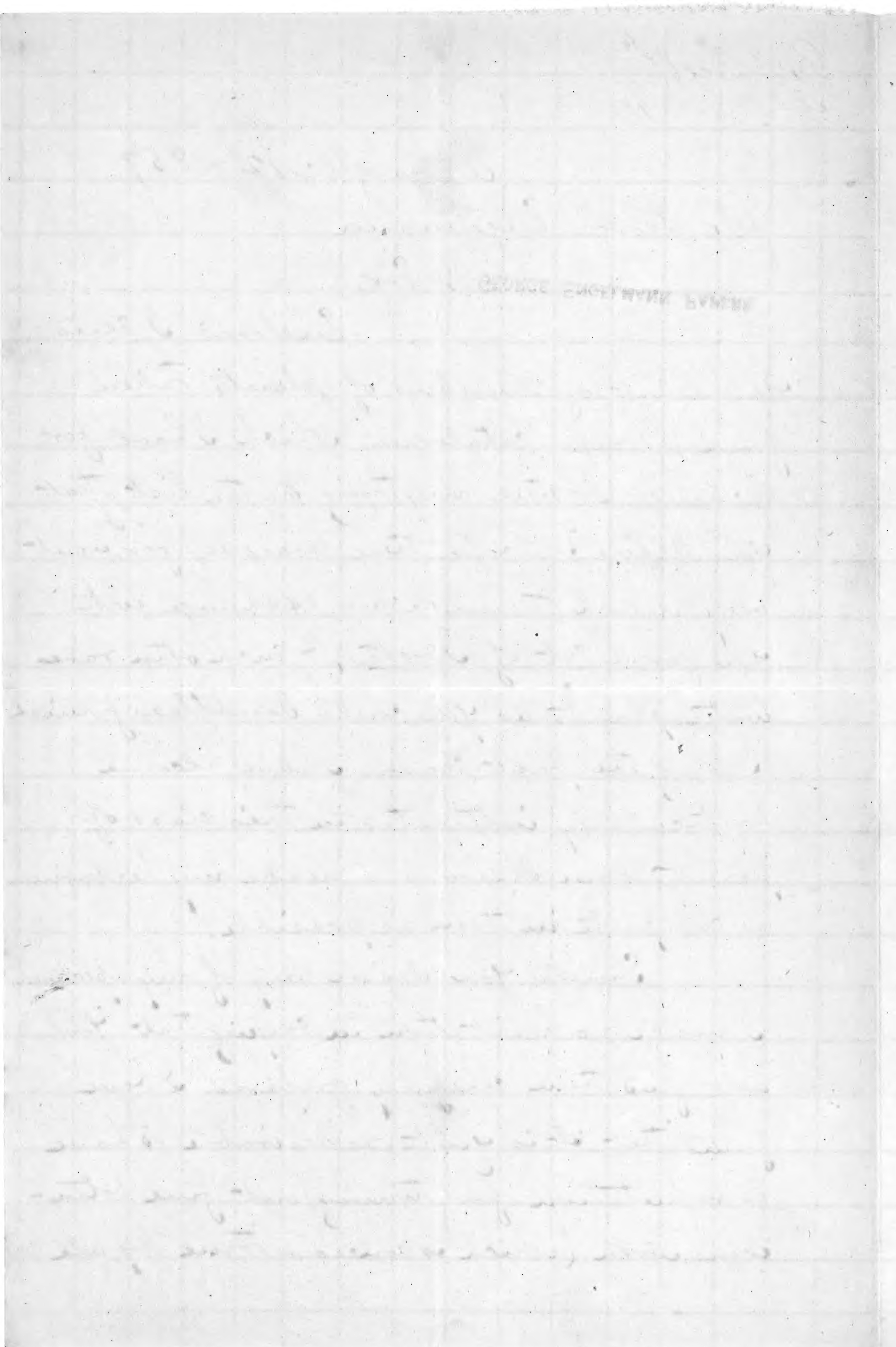


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who have had my plants), as it is to have a lot of rare things for exchange; & my list, although small, is not entirely deficient in these rarities also.

Hoping that there will be something on the list, that you desire, I remain

Very truly yours,
Benj' D. Gilbert
Care Davis, Gilbert & Plant,
Utica, N.Y.



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Rec'd Dec 30
as Jan 25

Utica, N.Y. Dec. 25/67

Dr Leo. Engelmame, 30 spec
Dear Sir,

It has unfortunately happened that in these busiest of all busy times, the holidays, I have been confined to the house by a bad swelling upon my heel. It's an ill wind that brings no good to any one however; so I have had occasion for sorting out a package of plants for you & two or three more of my correspondents.

I regret that it was impossible for me to send fruit of *Clematis ochroleuca*, but the flower is all I have, formerly having exhausted all my spec's of fruit. And of all the things not collected by myself I have to say that I am not responsible for their state of preservation. Having no duplicates of the list - send you, I hardly know what I gave you among the orchids & ferns. Accordingly I have enclosed for you such things in those orders as I judged might prove most acceptable.



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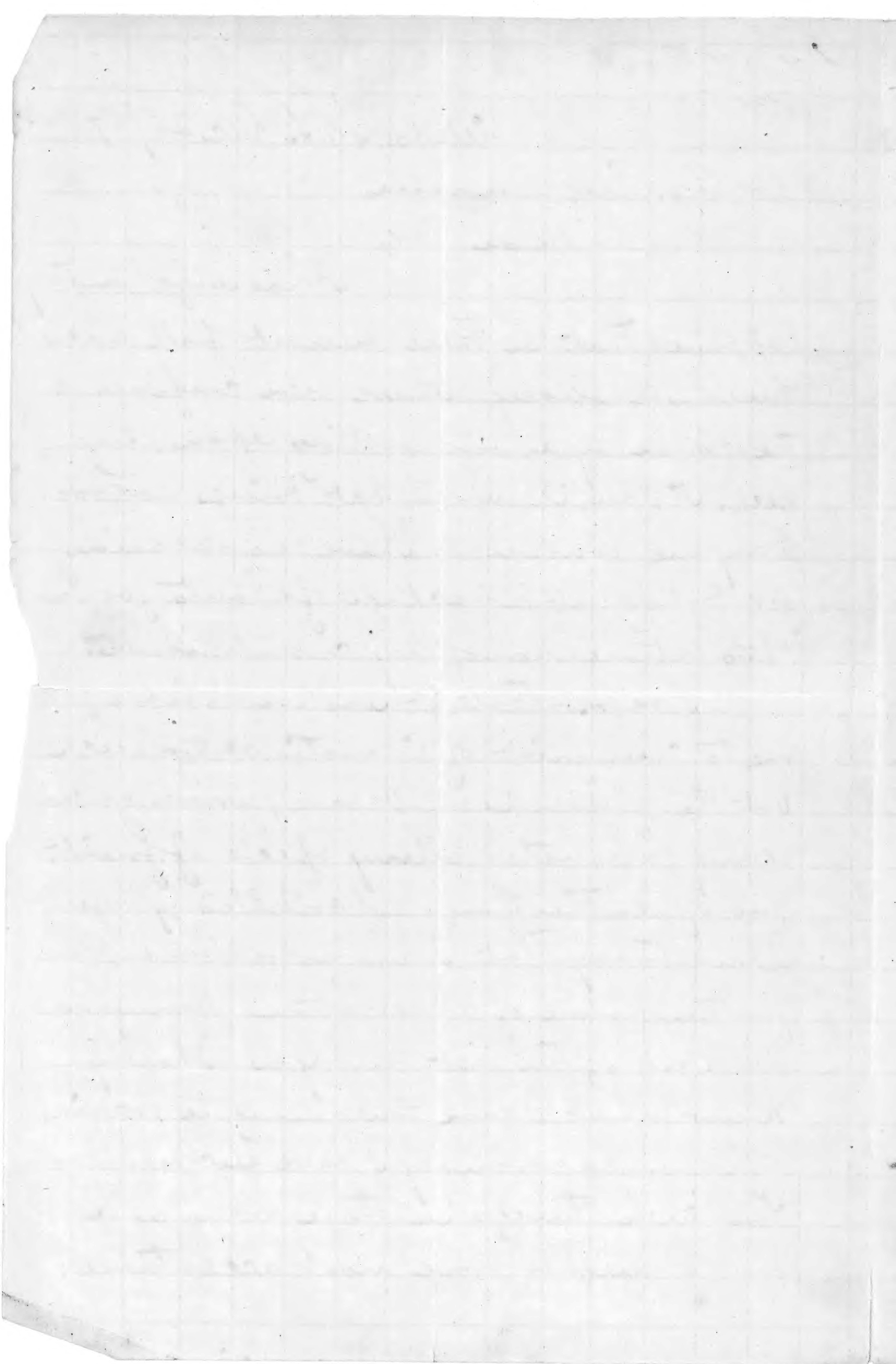
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Among my own wants are *Listera australis*
L. convallarioides, *Bletia aphylla*,
Can you help me to them?

Trusting that the package will
meet your approbation I remain

Very truly Yours
Benj. D. Gilkest

I shall forward the bundle by mail
with this.



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Recd Jan 23rd
as per day

N.Y.

Utica, Jan. 18-1868

Dr Leo. Engelmann,

Dear Sir,

During the week

between Christmas & New Year I sent you by mail a small package of botanical specimens, not having heard from you yet in regard to their arrival, I thought best to drop you a line, for fear they might have got mislaid at the P.O. If you have not rec'd them, you will probably find them lying at the St. Louis P.O. I did not know your particular address, & merely directed them to you at St. L's. Mo.

I have recently rec'd a fine package of plants from Wm M. Canby, Esq. of Wilmington in which he sent among other things the following which you may erase from my list of desiderata & substitute others in their place, which you may consider desirable.

Isoetes Engelmannii, & var. *valida*

"	<i>Echinospore</i> , var. <i>Braunii</i>	<i>Utricularia inflata</i>	
"	<i>siparia</i>		
"	<i>melanopoda</i>		
"	<i>Saccharata</i>		
		"	<i>vulgaris</i>
		"	<i>purpurea</i>
		"	<i>intermedia</i>

Yours truly, Benj. D. Gilbert.



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Rev - Feb 24th

G. Gilbert A.D.

Utica, Feb. 20/88

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

Dr Sir,

Yours of the 16th
came to hand yesterday, & the package
followed it today. I have the pleasure of
saying that nearly all of its contents
are new to me.

Should there be anything in
our flora, outside of the Composite &
Caryces, (in which I am not very well stocked)
that is desired by you, please let me know
& if I have it not I shall be glad to procure
it for you during the coming season. I have
3 species of Myriophyllum, without flower
or fruit however; would it do any good to send
you such spec's for determination? Next
season I will try to obtain them either with
flower or fruit.

Yours truly

Benj. D. Gillett



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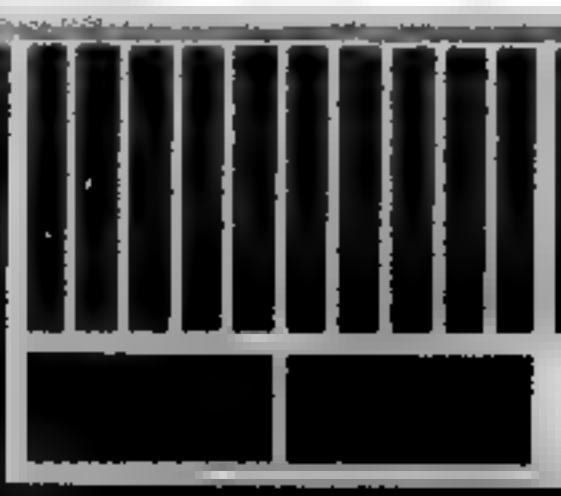
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Rev. July 26
and same day

Utica, N.Y. July 22-1870

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith by mail a small packet containing two species of Isoetes, obtained the other day at Oneida Lake, by Mr John F. Paine. He do not feel competent to determine the species, even with the aid of my specimens, received from yourself, - especially as the fruit in our newly found specimens seems to be rather immature. Will you be good enough to determine them for us, & let us know what they are? You can distinguish them in writing, by "the larger" & "the smaller".

Mr Paine has quite recently returned from abroad - his last trip having



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been to the Holy Land. He wished me when I wrote to remember him to you with the greatest cordiality. He met, I think, your brother & several of the family while abroad. He has now gone west as far as St. Paul, though I think it doubtful whether he gets down as far as St. Louis.

If there is anything which I can send you from this region, in the way of plants, please let me know. Have you plenty of Carex livida, or Crawei, or leucoglochin, or many others which we have? I don't suppose I can give you anything new to your herb.; but if I could supply you with some of our Carexes for exchange, I should like very much to obtain some of your western species for my herb. I also lack the first Isoetes in Gray's Manual & the Eyelmannii, var. gracilis(?).

Yours very truly
Geo. D. Gilbert

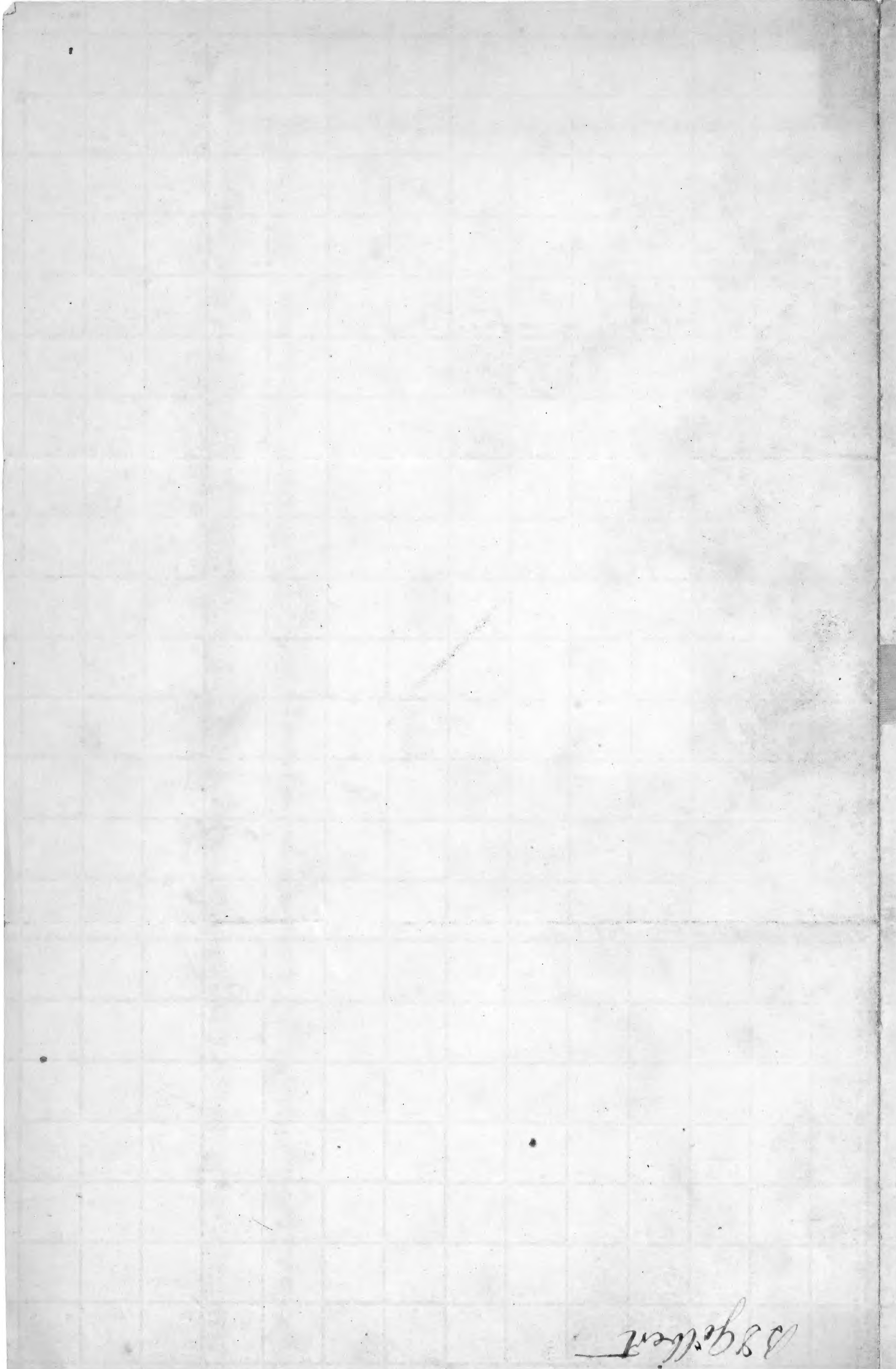


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